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AN ACCOUNT OF Laſt *Thurſdays* Sea ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE *DUTCH* and *FRENCH* Fleets NEAR THE Coaſt of BREST, WITH THE Total Routing of the *FRENCH* FLEET.

AN *Hambrough* Merchant coming into *Dover* to take in freſh Water, being homeward bound, brings this following Account, as by the particulars of a Letter ſent to Eſq; *P*—— an Eminent and Worthy Merchant in *London*.

This *Hambrough* Merchant, came by the two Fleets when they were actually Engaged; the occaſion how this Grand Engagement happened to fall out, was as followeth: Thirty ſix Sail of Stout *Dutch* Ships lying ſome Leagues off of *Breſt*, to ſecure the *Dutch Smyrna* Fleet from the *French Capers*, as well as to Watch the Motions of the late King *James*, who was at *Breſt* with ſixteen Sail of *French* Men of War (from thirty to ſeventy Guns each, as Fire Ships,) with many ſmall Craft to carry Land Forces, Ammunition, and four Cart Loads of Money and Plate, *&c.* with a deſign to Succour *Ireland*, for the *Romiſh* Intereſt. On *Tueſday* laſt, the *Dutch Smyrna* Fleet paſt by the *Dutch* Men of War, under their Safe-guard, and are come into the *Channel* to purſue their Courſe ſafely for *Holland*. And on *Wedneſday*, in the Afternoon (as it's thought) or at leaſt on *Thurſday* Morning, the *French* Fleet put to Sea from the Port of *Breſt*, (the Wind favouring them) for the Coaſt of *Ireland* directly; but ſo it fell out, that the Wind tacking about, by which the *Dutch* Fleet (who lay ready waiting their motions) was driven directly upon them, and the *French* Fleet could not make any part but the *Engliſh* Coaſts; a moſt deſperate Fight enſued. And when this *Hambrough* Merchant came away, he left them hotly Engaged, and ſince (as it's generally reported) the King this day received an Expreſs, that the *French* Fleet are totally Routed, a great many of their Men of War ſunk, and others taken with a great number of their ſmall Craft Men, that had their Land Soldiers on Board; among which was the Marſhal *Luxemberg*, and many others of their greateſt and beſt Officers. And its general ſaid about the Town, that the late King *James*, with many of the *Engliſh* Nobility, are made their Priſoners of War. You may expect in our next, a more full and particular Account, of this Great, Glorious, and moſt Happy Engagement; happy not only to theſe Kingdoms of *England*, *Scotland*, and *Ireland*, but happy to the Confederate Princes, and States of *Europe*, who are at preſent Engaged in a Common, and no leſs Juſt War, with the Common Enemy of Chriſtianity and Mankind, the moſt Unchriſtian King.

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